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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	45761	Agenda Number	21.
Meeting Date:	8/6/2015		Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development	
Subject					
Approve a resolution adopting the City's Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan related to the allocation of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds and the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Community Development Program; authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications and certifications related to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds; and authorizing the City Manager to execute documents necessary to carry out the above purposes.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	April 2, 2015 - set a public hearing for April 16, 2015; April 16, 2015 - public hearing conducted on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment and the 2015-2016 Community Development Program; May 21, 2015 - set a public hearing for June 11, 2015; June 11, 2015 - public hearing conducted on the DRAFT Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan and the 2015-2016 Community Development Program.				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	May 12, 2015 - the Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment and the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Community Development Program; June 1, 2015 - the Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the City's Draft Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan and the 2015-2016 Community Development Program. June 30, 2015 - The Community Development Commission voted to recommend approval of the Draft Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Plan with edits outlined in the change log. The CDC also recommended updates to references to source of income discrimination protections in the document, and advised staff to convene a stakeholder group to explore next steps in light of the passage of Texas Senate Bill 267, which bans enforcement of such protections except for military veterans. Staff has incorporated these updates to section AP-75 of the Action Plan. They are also noted in the change log, which is featured in the appendices (Attachment I C).				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

If approved, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development will submit a one-year Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of the City of Austin. The Action Plan serves as the City's application to receive HUD formula grants for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. .

In FY 2015-2016, the City of Austin expects to receive \$11,251,758 through four HUD formula grants:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG);
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME);
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG); and
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

In order to receive these grant funds, the City must submit an annual Action Plan that provides an overview of the community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regard to housing, community development, economic development and public services.

The requested action is in accordance with the City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the development of each annual Action Plan. As required by the CPP and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 373, the steps for public participation include four public hearings during the formation of the Action Plan: two before the Austin City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). There is also a 30-day comment period on the draft Action Plan.

Two initial public hearings were conducted to receive input on the community's needs and service gaps. The public hearing before the CDC was held on May 12, 2015, and the public hearing before the Austin City Council was held on April 16, 2015.

The draft Action Plan and Community Development Program was made available for public comment on May 22, 2015. During the 30-day comment period, two additional public hearings were conducted to receive input on the draft plan, one before the CDC and one before the Austin City Council. The Action Plan is due to HUD on or before August 15, 2015.